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## **Assistant Commissioner for Patents**

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his Final Action dated September 24, 2002, rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-13 and, in response thereto, requests that the following clarifying amendments to claims 1 to 4 and 7 to 9:

In the Claims: